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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
September 12, 1996

The meeting was called to order by R. Crisson at 4:03 p.m. in the Room 223 of the Student Union Building.

Present: Okan Akcay, Steven Andelin, Alan Apple, Len Barish, Eric Beaven, Vera Brancato, Gary Brey, Carl Brunner, Biruta Cap, Joanne Cohen, Roberta Crisson, Margaret Devlin, Percy Dougherty, Joseph Elias, John Erdmann, Allan Chasse and Bette Reagan for Linda Goldberg, Russell Gross, Venu Gupta, James Hall, Beth Herbine, Gerard Innocenti, Sally Knappenberger, Kanchan Kumar, David Laubach, Joseph Lippincott, Kevin McCloskey, Jason McGhin, Carol Mapes, Albert Margolis, Lisa Norris, Elaine Reed, Mildred Reilley, Charles Roth, John Schellenberg, Brian Schneck, Neil Shea, Jean Mae Smith, Judith Smith, JoAnn Spencer, Sandra Vidler, Samuel Westmoreland, John White, Barth Yeboah.

Absent: Dan Cates, Charles Clark, Richard Morrison, Renard Sacco, Randy Schaeffer.

Others in Attendance: Jeanie Burnett.

I. Announcements

R. Crisson reviewed some of the items that will be discussed by the Senate during the current academic year.

R. Crisson reported that a volunteer is needed to represent the Senate on the Newsmaker's Roundtable. E. Reed volunteered to serve on the body.

R. Crisson reported that the Conflict of Interest in Research and the Integrity in Research Policies will be returned to the Senate in the near future with recommendations from legal counsel.

II. Approval of the Agenda

E. Beaven moved, S. Westmoreland seconded, to amend the Agenda by moving New Business to immediately after Item III. Approval of Minutes of May 2, 1996. The motion passed.

E. Beaven moved, S. Vidler seconded, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 2, 1996

L. Norris moved, B. Cap seconded, to approve the Minutes of May 2, 1996. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

A. Election of Interim Senate Secretary

L. Norris was elected Interim Secretary of the University Senate. R. Crisson

indicated that in accordance with the revised Senate Constitution, a Secretary will be elected at the December meeting of the University Senate.

B. Approval of Schedule of Meeting Dates for 1996-97

B. Herbine moved, E. Beaven seconded, to approve the schedule of meeting dates for the 1996-97 academic year.

J. Schellenberg moved, J. Erdmann seconded, to amend the schedule of meeting dates by adding September 26, October 17, November 21 and December 12 as additional meeting dates.

G. Innocenti moved, B. Herbine seconded, to amend the amendment by adding "subject to the need and at the call of the Senate President." The motion passed.

The motion passed to approve the amendment to the schedule of meeting dates as amended.

The schedule of meeting dates for the 1996-97 academic year was approved as amended.

V. Committee and Task Force Reports

A. Academic Standards and Policy Committee

E. Beaven moved, G. Innocenti seconded, to adopt the revised Course Numbering Proposal as submitted by the Academic Standards and Policy Committee.

G. Innocenti moved, L. Barish seconded, to table discussion of the proposal in order to refer it back to the Academic Standards and Policies Committee along with a list of concerns regarding the proposal. The motion passed.

B. Committee on Committees

M. Devlin indicated that the following representatives are still needed to serve on committees and asked that anyone interested in serving should contact her as soon as possible:

College of Business - representatives are needed for the Calendar, Enrollment Management, and Space Allocation and Renovation Committees;

College of Visual and Performing Arts - representatives are needed for the Commission on Human Diversity and Commission on the Status of Minorities;

1 at-large faculty member is needed for the University Judiciary;

SUA - representatives are needed for the Commission on the Status of Women and University Safety Council;

1 coach of a woman's sport is needed for the Athletic Policies and Programs Committee.

M. Devlin also indicated that during the academic year the Committee on Committees will be looking at committees that have not met recently and will be making recommendations relative to deleting representatives from committees who no longer work here and were on committees by virtue of title.

Section II. Humanities

Discussion included the addition of Dance to Section A.; whether to require a student to enroll in an appreciative course rather than a performance course; and the possibility of moving Speech to Section A.

Section III. Social Science

There was discussion about the deletion of International Studies from the section; inclusion of a global perspectives course; and moving three electives from Section V. to Section III.

Section IV. Natural Science and Math

A question was raised as to why Mathematics is listed under Section I. rather than Section IV. but is referred to in Section IV. (Natural Science and Math). Other discussion included whether to require a student to take two laboratory classes; and where courses would fit that have a certain prefix but because of the contents of the course, would fill the requirement of a different section (for example, Phi 340 has a Phi prefix and could be used in Section II; however, the course would be more appropriate for Section IV. because it involves Math).

Individual Matters of Concern


There was discussion about requiring an interdisciplinary upper level course; requiring that a certain percentage of courses be at the upper level; and the need to add a statement that students can test out of some of the General Education required courses in order to free up electives.

III. Adjournment

J. Schellenberg moved, E. Beaven seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

R. Crisson reminded Senate members that the next Senate meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 223 of the Student Union Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Roberta L. Crisson, President



Lisa A. Norris, Secretary